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CLAIMS

2 The invention claimed is:

3 1. A word-forming game for at least two players, comprising:
4 twenty-eight playing pieces.

5 2. The game as defined in claim 1, wherein each playing piece has a
6 front surface;
7 wherein said front surface of each playing piece is for facing one
8 player;
9 wherein each playing piece has a rear surface;
10 wherein said rear surface of each playing piece is for facing an
11 opponent player;
12 wherein each playing piece has a pair of side surfaces;
13 wherein each playing piece has a bottom surface; and
14 wherein said bottom surface of each playing piece is for resting on
15 a playing field.

16 3. The game as defined in claim 2, wherein said front surface of each
17 playing piece is rectangular-shaped;
18 wherein said rear surface of each playing piece is rectangular-
19 shaped;
20 wherein said bottom surface of each playing piece is rectangular-
21 shaped; and
22 wherein each of said side surfaces of each playing piece is
23 triangular-shaped;
24 wherein each of said side surfaces of each playing piece initially
25 abuts against a side surface of an adjacent playing piece;
26 wherein said front surface of each playing piece initially aligns
27 with said front surface of said adjacent playing piece; and

1 wherein said rear surface of each playing piece initially aligns
2 with said rear surface of said adjacent playing piece.

3 4. The game as defined in claim 2, wherein said front surface of each
4 playing piece has front indicia thereon; and
5 wherein said rear surface of each playing piece has rear indicia
6 thereon.

7 5. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of each
8 playing piece are letters of the alphabet; and
9 wherein said rear indicia of each playing piece are letters of the
10 alphabet.

11 6. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of each
12 playing piece comprises an uppercase letter and a corresponding
13 lowercase letter therebelow; and
14 wherein said rear indicia of each playing piece comprises an
15 uppercase letter and a corresponding lowercase letter therebelow.

16 7. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of a
17 first and twenty-eight playing piece of said twenty-eight playing
18 pieces is a "star"; and
19 wherein said rear indicia of a first and twenty-eight playing piece
20 of said twenty-eight playing pieces is a "star".

21 8. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of a
22 second to a twenty-seventh playing piece of said twenty-eight
23 playing pieces are each respective letters of the alphabet in
24 alphabetical order; and
25 wherein said rear indicia of said second to said twenty-seventh
26 playing piece are each also respective letters of the alphabet, but
27 in reverse alphabetical order.

- 1 9. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of a
2 second playing piece of said twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper
3 case and a lower case "A/a"; and
4 wherein said rear indicia of said second playing piece of said
5 twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper case and a lower case "Z/z".
- 6 10. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of a
7 third playing piece of said twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper
8 case and a lower case "B/b"; and
9 wherein said rear indicia of said third playing piece of said
10 twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper case and a lower case "Y/y".
- 11 11. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of a
12 fourth playing piece of said twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper
13 case and a lower case "C/c"; and
14 wherein said rear indicia of said fourth playing piece of said
15 twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper case and a lower case "X/x".
- 16 12. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of a
17 fifth playing piece of said twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper
18 case and a lower case "D/d"; and
19 wherein said rear indicia of said fifth playing piece of said
20 twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper case and a lower case "W/w".
- 21 13. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of a
22 sixth playing piece of said twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper
23 case and a lower case "E/e"; and
24 wherein said rear indicia of said sixth playing piece of said
25 twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper case and a lower case "V/v".

- 1 14. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of a
2 seventh playing piece of said twenty-eight playing pieces is an
3 upper case and a lower case "F/f"; and
4 wherein said rear indicia of said seventh playing piece of said
5 twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper case and a lower case "U/u".
- 6 15. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of an
7 eighth playing piece of said twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper
8 case and a lower case "G/g"; and
9 wherein said rear indicia of said eighth playing piece of said
10 twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper case and a lower case "T/t".
- 11 16. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of a
12 ninth playing piece of said twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper
13 case and a lower case "H/h"; and
14 wherein said rear indicia of said ninth playing piece of said
15 twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper case and a lower case "S/s".
- 16 17. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of a
17 tenth playing piece of said twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper
18 case and a lower case "I/i"; and
19 wherein said rear indicia of said tenth playing piece of said
20 twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper case and a lower case "R/r".
- 21 18. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of an
22 eleventh playing piece of said twenty-eight playing pieces is an
23 upper case and a lower case "J/j"; and
24 wherein said rear indicia of said eleventh playing piece of said
25 twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper case and a lower case "Q/q".

- 1 19. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of a
2 twelfth playing piece of said twenty-eight playing pieces is an
3 upper case and a lower case "K/k"; and
4 wherein said rear indicia of said twelfth playing piece of said
5 twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper case and a lower case "P/p".
- 6 20. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of a
7 thirteenth playing piece of said twenty-eight playing pieces is an
8 upper case and a lower case "L/l"; and
9 wherein said rear indicia of said thirteenth playing piece of said
10 twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper case and a lower case "O/o".
- 11 21. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of a
12 fourteenth playing piece of said twenty-eight playing pieces is an
13 upper case and a lower case "M/m"; and
14 wherein said rear indicia of said fourteenth playing piece of said
15 twenty-eight playing pieces is an upper case and a lower case "N/n".
- 16 22. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia and said
17 rear indicia of a fifteenth playing piece to a twenty-seventh
18 playing piece of said twenty-eight playing pieces are the reverse
19 of said front indicia and said rear indicia of a second playing
20 piece to a fourteenth playing piece of said twenty-eight playing
21 pieces, respectively.
- 22 23. The game as defined in claim 4, wherein said front indicia of a
23 fifteenth playing piece to a twenty-seventh playing piece of said
24 twenty-eight playing pieces are said rear indicia of a second
25 playing piece to a fourteenth playing piece of said twenty-eight
26 playing pieces, respectively; and
27 wherein said rear indicia of said fifteenth playing piece to said
28 twenty-seventh playing piece of said twenty-eight playing pieces are

1 said front indicia of said second playing piece to said fourteenth
2 playing piece of said twenty-eight playing pieces, respectively.

3 24. A method of playing a word-forming game for at least two players,
4 wherein the game has twenty-eight playing pieces, said method
5 comprising the steps of:

6 a) aligning the twenty-eight playing pieces, twenty-six in
7 alphabetical order and two "joker star", on a playing field,
8 between one player and an opponent player, so as to form
9 aligned playing pieces;

10 b) announcing, by a first player, so as to form an announced
11 first player, a word to be spelled from the aligned playing
12 pieces;

13 c) removing, by the announced first player, playing pieces from
14 the aligned playing pieces that spell the word announced, so
15 as to leave remaining aligned playing pieces;

16 d) determining, by a next player, if there are sufficient playing
17 pieces remaining in the remaining playing pieces to form
18 another word;

19 e) winning game by last player, if answer to step d) is no;

20 f) announcing, by the next player, so as to form an announced
21 next player, a word to be spelled from the remaining aligned
22 playing pieces, if answer to step d) is yes;

23 g) removing, by the announced next player, playing pieces of the
24 remaining aligned playing pieces that spell the word
25 announced, if step f) is carried out; and

26 h) returning to step d), if step g) is carried out.